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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 20, 2004, having a response being due by January 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 1 - 20 and substitute Claims 21 - 25 therefor as follows:

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled).

21. (new) A beverage holding device comprising:

a panel having a peripheral edge, said panel having at least four slots opening at said peripheral edge, each of the slots extending inwardly from said peripheral edge, each of the slots having a generally C-shaped configuration, each of the slots being of an opening at said peripheral edge having a width that is less than a diameter of said slot inwardly of said opening, said peripheral edge being curved, said panel having continuously curved back edge extending between

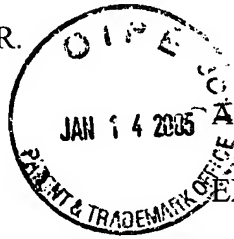
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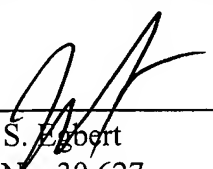
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